Notices to 450 exporters claiming Supplementary Drawback

†2152. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that notices have been sent to about 450 exporters of the country by the revenue department who have claimed Supplementary Drawback claim during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of total amount claimed by these exporters; and

(d) the amount of claim that have been paid by the revenue department to the exporters during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Recently, the Air Cargo Customs (Export), New Delhi has detected certain cases of ineligible drawback having been passed as supplementary claims. In this connection, letters have been issued to some 450 exporters for verification of records. However, no notices under the Customs Act, 1962 have been issued to the exporters.

(c) A sum of Rs. 65.62 crores has been sanctioned as supplementary drawback at the Air Cargo (Export). New Delhi during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (upto Oct., 2006).

(d) The all industry drawback disbursed during the last three years is as given below:—

Year	Drawback disbursed (Rs. in crores)
2003-04	Rs. 4415.00
2004-05	Rs. 2811.52
2005-06	Rs. 3235.12

Investment by British Gas

2153. SHRI SUDARSAN AKARAPO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt. have cleared/approved the proposal of British Gas

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.